

Swanley Town Council

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SUMMONS

Date 26th October 2017

Dear Member

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Town Council** at the Council Chamber, **Civic Centre on Wednesday 1st November 2017 at 7:30pm** or at the conclusion of the public participation session.



Mr S Nash
CEO / Town Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

If required, the meeting will be preceded by a public participation period of up to 15 minutes at 7:30pm. Members of the public are also entitled to speak, during the meeting, on agenda items with the permission of the Chairman / Mayor

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During this meeting the public are allowed to record the Committee and Officers from the front of the public seating area only, providing it does not disrupt the meeting. Any items in the exempt Part of an agenda cannot be recorded and no recording device is to be left behind. If another member of the public objects to being recorded, the person(s) recording must stop doing so until that member of the public has finished speaking. The use of social media is permitted, but all members of the public are requested to switch their mobile phone devices to silent for the duration of the meeting.

MOBILE PHONES

Member of the public are reminded that the use of mobile phones (other than on silent) is prohibited at Town Council and Committee meetings.

AGENDA

1. To receive Apologies for Absence
2. To receive Declarations of Interest
3. To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 4th October 2017
4. To receive Minutes of Committees and approve recommendations contained therein

4th October 2017 – Development Control
18th October 2017 – Development Control
18th October 2017 – Policy & Finance

5. CONSIDER POTENTIAL FUTURE USE OF THE DRIVING RANGE

To provide the CEO with direction as to preferred options (Report A)

6. CIL APPLICATIONS

To agree CIL applications to Sevenoaks District Council (Report B)

7. Mayors Communication

To receive such communications as the Town Mayor may desire to lay before the Council (Councillors are reminded that no decision making may take place as a result of this item)

8. Report from County and District Councillors

(Councillors are reminded that no decision making may take place as a result of this item)

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following item on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the act.

9. Councillor Absence

To agree a verbal recommendation from the CEO regarding Councillor absence

10. Date of next meeting – 6th December 2017

11. Forthcoming Meetings – To note the following dates:

22nd November 2017 – Development Control
22nd November 2017 - Policy & Finance
22nd November 2017 – Estates & Facilities

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Mr Steve Nash, on 01322 611663 or snash@swanleytowncouncil.gov.uk

Council Members:

Mayor Cllr Ball

Leader Cllr Morris

Cllr L Dyball (Deputy Mayor, LG)

Cllr C Barnes

Cllr L Gaire

Cllr S Gaire

Cllr T Searles

Cllr M Hogg

Cllr Horwood (Deputy Leader)

Cllr Halford

Cllr Scott

Cllr Willingale

Cllr J Barnes

Cllr E Komolafe

Cllr V Southern

Cllr P Darrington

LG Denotes Leadership Group

Introduction

The lease on the Driving Range at the Olympic has been surrendered which is two years earlier than planned and now provides an opportunity for review as to its future use. It has already been identified as an area for potential housing development but that remains a long term suggestion and will likely be a theme of the future Neighbourhood Plan by Swanley Residents and Sevenoaks District Council.

Before a detailed report is produced a brief list of potential uses is outlined below to allow Councillors to comment or recommend suggestions for this site. Given the multiple potential uses it would be unrealistic to produce a business plan for this with a short space of time and so the CEO is seeking direction before committing resources.

Potential Uses

- Archery Range
- Paint Ball Site
- Council Run Putting Range
- Caravan Park (special events)
- Static Caravan Park (Long Term)
- Mobile Homes Park
- Fair Rides Park
- Exhibition / Show Area
- Split into paddocks
- Cemetery
- Small Industrial Units
- New Sporting Facilities

Each of the suggestions has the potential to generate income but councillors need to consider what residents would like and most need in the area.

Combinations

It is possible to provide some activities short term such as:

- Archery
- Paint Ball
- Paddocks

While licenses and permissions are sought for other activities such as the creation of:

- Cemetery
- Caravan Park
- Mobile Home Park

Introduction

There is currently around £3 million in the CIL budget held by Sevenoaks District Council which can be bid for by town and parish councils and around £33 million of requests for this funding. Swanley Town Council has yet to submit a detailed bid and this paper outlines suggestions for funding for approval by councillors. The list has been placed in order of priority by the CEO but councillors may wish to consider changes to this order before the CEO submits the bid to SDC.

New Roof /Doors for Barn (Rugby Club) £90,000

With a new roof on the barn in Swanley Park Yard the building could easily be converted into a club house/community facility which not only provides a home for new groups, but will provide a regular source of income for STC and the Rugby Club.

Re-line pond (Swanley park) £100,000

The lake in the park has a leak which is likely caused by the lack of pond liner around the island. In order to rectify this the lake will require emptying, de-silting and lining to rectify. As a source of income the lake is essential to park operations although buying in water this year helped maintain those levels.

Concrete Skate Park £240,000

The current skatepark is nearing the end of its life and is now the subject of regular repair. Concrete skateparks are more expensive but they last longer, are quieter for users, are the preferred surface for skateboards and provide more flexible designs.

Expansion of Play Area (Disabilities) £25,000

The CEO has submitted grants for this purpose from the Landfill Tax and other charitable groups but is still waiting the outcome of those submissions. There is definitely a need in all the play areas for additional disability equipment and all sources of funding should be explored.

Pathway to Play Area £40,000

There is no firm pathway to the play area at the Recreation Field, this makes it difficult for parents with prams to get to it especially in wet weather. A straight pathway from the doctors surgery to the play area would be the most effective answer.

Connect Sewage to Hextable £80,000

The sewage in the park is disposed of via a Septic Tank at present which cost on average around £10,000 per annum to service. While a lower price was obtained for each empty this year the number of empties required has increased because of greater numbers of people. Connecting to mains sewer is expensive but would provide a huge saving after 7-8 years.